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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-22, and 24-31 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 14, 15 and 17 are allowed and claims 8 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 21 and 30 have been amended to recite limitations deemed allowable by the Examiner as shown on pp. 2-7 of the Reply. In addition, claims 5-7, 13 and 14 have been amended to correct minor informalities. In view of at least the foregoing, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance - a prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

CONCLUSION

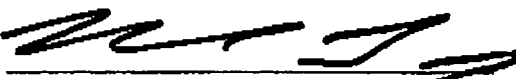
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP223US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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